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Act East Policy
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the measures taken by the Government to realise the objectives of Act East Policy in North-Eastern region;

(b) whether any of these measures will be set up in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of ongoing and future measures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) India"s Act East Policy (AEP) focuses on the extended neighbourhood in the Asia-Pacific region. The North East of India has been a priority in our AEP. AEP provides an interface between North East India including the state of Arunachal Pradesh and the ASEAN region. To enhance connectivity among the North Eastern states, Prime Minister has recently inaugurated the Bhupen Hazarika Setu which ensures connectivity between upper Assam and Eastern part of Arunachal Pradesh. Moreover, various plans at bilateral and regional levels include steady efforts to develop and strengthen connectivity of Northeast with the ASEAN region through trade, culture, people-to-people contacts and physical infrastructure (road, airport, telecommunication, power, etc.). Some of the major projects to develop physical infrastructure and trade include Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project, Rhi-Tiddim Road Project, Border Haats, etc.

(b) & (c) Presently, there is no such proposal.